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Dear Consultee

Public Consultation on Draft Pathway Action Plans for Invasive Non-native Species.

I am writing to invite views on Invasive Non-native Species (INNS) Pathway Action Plans (PAPs) which have been developed by working groups set up by the GB Non-native Species Secretariat and included representatives from Defra, the Scottish Government and Welsh Government, government agencies and key delivery partners.

The five draft PAP documents cover the following pathway topics: recreational boating; angling; horticulture; zoos; and pets.

They lay out best-practice approaches with key actions for Government, government agencies, businesses, NGOs, recreational clubs and individuals to help guide resources and behaviour in the right direction. Actions include raising awareness, implementing and improving biosecurity measures, and promoting best practice amongst industry and user groups. The PAPs do not change legislation or create burdens or prohibitions.

This consultation provides the opportunity to gather wider feedback on the actions within each PAP. We will consider the responses to the consultation and revise the PAP documents where appropriate, with the overall aim of making the PAPs as comprehensive as possible. This consultation is therefore a final step in developing the PAPs prior to their publication.

The following documents may be found on <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/invasive-non-native-species-team/pathway-action-plans-for-non-native-species>:

- Consultation document
- Draft Recreational Boating PAP
- Draft Angling PAP
- Draft Horticulture PAP
- Draft Zoos PAP
- Draft Pets PAP

Responses

This is a joint consultation on behalf of Defra, Scottish Government and Welsh Government with responses being collected by Defra. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool): <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/invasive-non-native-species-team/pathway-action-plans-for-non-native-species>

If you require a paper copy of the consultation, please contact us at invasivealienspecies@defra.gov.uk Responses or additional information or documents can be sent to: invasivealienspecies@defra.gov.uk

Or

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Responses should be received by 18 August 2025.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours faithfully

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